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Christmas

Again the Spirit of Christmas is in the air. There is a softening of hearts one towards another; there is a new flash of happiness in the eyes; a new firmness is felt in the grip of our daily handshakes; something again seems to whisper to us that we are in the midst of a season so sacred that it is not to be compared with any other time of year.

From that time almost two thousand years ago when one whose birth we are now celebrating stood upon the Mount and gave to humanity a new rule—a Golden Rule—the approach of Christmas finds the whole world with a song upon its lips. Men may war against men; disease may sweep east sections and the grim reaper may swing his scythe with an un-failing hand, yet the approach of Christmas brings back joy to the hearts of the stricken, bolsters them up for whatever fate may have in store, and makes them, for the season, as light and happy-hearted as the children who romp about our feet.

There is a something about the Christmas season it has not been given man to understand. Changed conditions, a greater desire to live and to be of service to those about us; a hope and a prayer for greater blessings of health and prosperity for all humanity—those fall upon us in a shower along about this time of year, and yet we pass thru it still unable to fathom its mystery. We know, somehow, some way, that it is the spirit of the Master of all mankind coming into our hearts—we seem to feel that His smile is being shed upon us, and that we are receiving a benediction of happiness which fills our hearts to the fullest.

With the arrival of the Yuletide season once again we want to take this method of thanking in our own feeble way all those to whom this greeting may come for the cheer and helpfulness they have passed on to us during the year soon closing. We want to hope that this has been a prosperous and a happy year for them—we want to extend to them our prayer that the year to come may be equally so. We are passing this way but once. If we have said or done that which would in a measure return the kindness shown us, we are glad. If we can say or do in the future the things that will lighten the heart of those about us, we shall be happy.

May Providence continue to shield and bless you and yours. May your Christmas be a happy, a merry, a contented one. And may you be spared to celebrate many more of them.

CAREFUL, NOW!

During December and January the United States government is to pay back to the people of this country millions of dollars in redemption of War Savings stamps bought five years ago. Several thousand dollars of the general sum will come to Kauai.

These savings represent a considerable part of the savings of our people and as savings should be carefully guarded. The money paid by the government should be immediately reinvested where it will start working again to bring in dividends to the investor. And, for the very reason that most of the holders of War Savings stamps will reinvest their money in some other dividend paying proposition, their money is in danger.

For, already, dishonest promoters are at work getting ready to harvest their crop of suckers from among those to whom the government is making payments. All sorts of fake stocks and bonds, promising big returns, will soon flood the market, and worthless, although pretty paper will be foisted upon an unsuspecting public.

So be careful how you reinvest your money. Don't expect to find a safe investment that will pay you extra large interest returns, for you can't get something for nothing in this old world, you know. Better take less interest and keep your capital than take promises of getting rich quick and lose your all. If you are in doubt about the value of making an investment ask any banker and take his advice. For we are sure he will advise you right.

A SENSIBLE SENTENCE

In the city of Cleveland a few weeks ago a speeder appeared before a judge on a charge of having run down and so badly injured a little girl that she died a few hours after the accident. The judge heard the evidence in the case, and there could be no doubt but the auto driver was going faster than the law allows or safety warrants, and then the judge imposed a novel sentence.

Instead of levying a fine, which reckless auto drivers usually care little about; or sentencing him to the workhouse, that his friends could get him out of a day or two later, he sentenced the speeder to attend the funeral of the little girl he had killed by his carelessness. And he deputized two policemen to go along to that funeral and see that the speeder was there and witnessed it all. And we wonder what could have touched him more than the tears of the heart broken father and mother, and the little brother of the dead child? We wonder if anything could have shown him as plainly the misery and heartaches that follow reckless driving, no matter how well you understand the machine. We wonder if, when he started out the next time, he could wipe from his mind that picture of woe and misery, or if it didn't seem to loom up on the road ahead of him as his auto rolled along.

At any rate, we commend the sentence to our own judges and juries. A fine can easily be paid. A sentence to jail can be laid out. But nothing can wipe the picture of a funeral from the mind. It might not be a bad idea for Kauai auto drivers who are inclined to be reckless to keep that Cleveland sentence in mind.

About the only thing worth less than a German mark is a man's chance of being boss in his own house.

If both the wets and dries think they have gained a victory, why everybody ought to be happy.

One pretty good way to relieve traffic congestion would be to sell automobiles for cash only.

Lots of fellows save up something for a rainy day and then give it all to a bootlegger for a wet night.

A Kentucky farmer licked two aviators who landed in his field. That's what you call swatting the fliers.

It isn't hard to remember the time when the average family considered mother's hairbrush very useful in bringing up the children in the way they should go.

Sometimes it's hard for a father to give up his daughter in marriage that he almost gives up trying.

Nothing makes a defeated candidate madder than to have to return to work when the election is over.

We may not be able to stop the arguments over the boundary lines in Europe but we can help this section by fixing up some of the dilapidated fences along our public highways.



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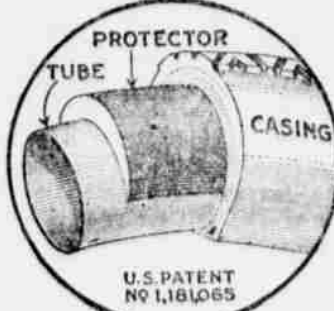
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